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SUBJECT: DURRANI TELLS BOUCHER OF SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO INDIA

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, for reasons 1.4 (b)(d)

¶1. (C) Summary. During an October 20 meeting with Assistant Secretary Boucher, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister Durrani said

¶2. (C) On October 20, Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia Richard Boucher and Ambassador met with National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister Durrani to discuss the future of the tribal areas.

¶3. (C) Durrani said the ongoing special joint session of the parliament on the security situation had taken on a distinctly anti-American character.

¶4. (C) Assistant Secretary Boucher asked if the government planned to move forward with bringing the tribal areas into the regular legal administrative framework.

¶5. (S) Boucher asked if the Pakistani Army had turned a corner in Bajaur and whether a resurgence of tribal lashkars was helping. Durrani said he believed that the situation was improving.

¶6. (S) Durrani would not say everything was "hunky-dory" but they were following a coherent strategy. The security forces needed to be flexible and adaptive.

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that we should not ignore the Commander of the XI Corps as we worked with the Frontier Corps commander.

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¶7. (C) Durrani described his recent counterparts visit with National Security Advisor Narayanan as "unusually good." He had been able to build trust and confidence.

¶8. (C) The Indians had "lots of complaints" about allegedly 39 violations of the Line of Control this year. The Indian Foreign Secretary told Durrani that India had been working to address these issues.

¶9. (C) Durrani said, despite the facts, he took at face value the Indian Prime Minister's claim that "150% they were not involved in creating the situation."

¶10. (C) On Sir Creek, Durrani said he believed the two sides were very close and that a deal was possible. He felt that politically both sides had a strong interest in reaching a resolution.

¶11. (C) On water issues, Durrani said the Indian Prime Minister Singh "spent a great deal of energy" reassuring him on India's commitment to resolve the dispute.

¶12. (U) Ambassador Boucher has cleared this message.

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